

HERALD ENTERS SIXTEENTH YEAR

WITH this issue the Grande Prairie Herald commences its sixteenth year of publication, this newspaper having been founded in March, 1913, by Mr. W. C. Pratt, now manager of Kelly Douglas Wholesale, Grande Prairie. The first issue was brought forth under true country newspaper conditions of former days, Mr. Pratt taking the first completed copy from the Washington hand press at 2 o'clock on the morning of March 15th. Long hours of hard work were the rule in those days, and were prefaced by a most arduous task in getting the pioneer printing plant to the newest town in the north at that time, freighting it over the old Edson trail.

After following the vicissitudes of country newspaper life for some three years, Mr. Pratt disposed of the business to the Oblinger brothers, who continued its management. These men were later joined by Messrs. George Duncan, who had been chief printer on an opposition paper, and Charles S. Kitchen. The latter two gentlemen after a short time succeeded to the ownership of the paper. During the war Mr. Duncan left the business temporarily to see service overseas, and on his return the company erected the fine building which is still the home of the paper.

Those were the days when country newspapers could be started by anyone who had a couple of hundred dollars and a grudge at his neighbor, and the Peace River country saw several small weeklies spring into existence to satisfy some ill-founded dream of prosperity on the part of an ambitious printer, or perhaps to bolster the hopes and ambitions of some budding politician. But the inevitable fact that service alone would justify the continuance of any newspaper and printing plant resulted in the early demise of all but two of the embryo printing businesses of the Peace River country, these being the Grande Prairie Herald and the Peace River Record.

During the past year other changes have taken place in connection with The Herald. Mr. Chas. S. Kitchen in April last sold his interest to Chas. W. Frederick, owner of the Peace River Record, and the latter last week completed the acquisition of ownership by purchasing the interest of Mr. George Duncan in the business.

Thus the beginning of the new publication year finds the first two newspapers of the north country showing increasing scope of service, strengthened by their mutual interest, and prepared to give their utmost talent to the advancement of interest in the north. And while the editorial department will be under control of the oldest editor of the north country, it will be a source of satisfaction to our patrons to know that Mr. Duncan, one of the oldest and most efficient printers of the north country, will remain in charge of The Herald's mechanical department.

To carry out the highest possible service to our town and district, The Herald is now manned by perhaps the most efficient staff of any country newspaper in Alberta. Mr. J. B. Yule, news editor, has handled the news service in a manner that we believe is thoroughly appreciated by our readers. In the handling of the mechanical department, Mr. Duncan has the assistance of Arthur Jackson, one of the ablest linotypers it has been our pleasure to meet, and Mr. James Duncan. With such a staff, our patrons may rest assured that they may rely on the best possible service, both in the newspaper and job printing departments.

To maintain an up-to-date newspaper requires larger expenditures than the general public realizes, and it can only be done through the loyal support of our district. We believe your home printer should have some preference over the itinerant traveller, in view of the fact that every member of our staff is a property owner and spends his earnings in the town and district.

During the past year particularly a strong effort has been made to increase the usefulness of The Herald to all parts of the Peace River country. This policy will be continued aggressively, and in support of it the management solicits the coöperation of our readers and friends throughout the district. It is our desire to so conduct the Grande Prairie Herald as to reflect credit upon all parts of our territory, than which there is none better throughout the continent.

NORTHERN ALBERTA RAILWAYS COMPANY

J. M. MACARTHUR
GENERAL MANAGER

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Sept. 8th, 1939.

Chamber of Commerce,
Edmonton.

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Herewith details of crop conditions on the Northern Alberta Railways for the week previous to Sept. 8th, 1939.

Dawson Creek	Rain Sunday has delayed threshing but same will be resumed by end of the week. Cutting is practically completed. Light frost on the fifth but no damage.
Pouce Coupe	Cutting is almost finished but threshing delayed account rain during past week. Threshing should start again by end of the week.
Hythe	Heavy rain last week has delayed threshing but same should start again by the end of this week. Cutting is nearly completed.
Beaverlodge	Cutting is completed and about five percent of wheat threshed. Operations now held up account unsettled weather but same is clearing today. Threshing should commence in a few days.
Wembley	Cutting and threshing operations delayed account rain during past week. Cutting which is nearly completed started today and threshing should be resumed by end of week.
Grande Prairie	Cutting is being resumed again after recent rain and threshing will be resumed in a few days.
Clairmont	Weather has been cool and showery which delayed harvesting. Cutting is 90% finished. Threshing will start within a few days.
Sexsmith	Weather is now clear and cool and cutting has been resumed and is 85% completed. Threshing will start first of week.
Spirit River	Weather has been cool with heavy showers but is now clear. Threshing will commence tomorrow.
Aycroft	Heavy showers during past week have delayed harvesting. Cutting is almost finished and threshing will start by end of week.
Wanham	Threshing and Cutting have been delayed account rain but should be resumed within two days.
Latino	Weather has been showery. Wheat cutting is completed and threshing is now general. No wheat marketed to date.
Falher	Weather has been cool with heavy showers. Cutting and threshing have been resumed today.
Donnelly	Weather is now clear and cool. Cutting is 80% completed but no threshing has been done so far.
Hines Creek	Weather has been cool and showery with heavy frost last night. About 20% of coarse grain still to be cut. Threshing will start tomorrow.
Fairview	Weather has been cool with showers and threshing has been delayed for over a week. Same should be resumed next week.

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The Awful Tragedy Of The Polar Expedition.

The words of Admiral Peary amply describe the duties of Captain Scott, R.N., and his four brave companions on their return from the South Pole—"A great feat, a great tragedy, a great epic." The whole Anglo-Saxon world will be thrilled by the proof that Britishers still can endure privation, stand by one another in peril and go calmly to their death with a prayer on their lips for the sake of loved ones at home. Nothing in the world's history surpasses the heroic conduct of the noble five who reached "farthest south." Achieving their goal after many hardships, they generously acknowledged the proofs they saw that another had succeeded before them. On the return trip, one of their number, a seaman, who suffered from concussion of the brain, was cared for until death ended his sufferings. Then Captain Oates, of the Inniskilling Dragoons, impeded the progress of

his comrades because of the terrible condition of his frost bitten feet. They nobly sustained him until he saw that he was involving them in his own doom. With this knowledge he went out into the blizzard and did not return. For four days the plucky survivors pressed on, and reached within eleven miles of the life giving supply depot when a terrible blizzard swept remorselessly upon them and for nine days they had only food for two days and fuel for one, there was nothing left to do but write, plainly and clearly in the language that illumine the annals of human achievement, the story of success or failure.

The last hopes of such a worthy countryman are expressed in the last few words that he wrote—"These rough notes and our dead bodies must tell the tale, but surely a great rich country like ours will see that those that are dependent on us are properly provided for."

There's Something In The English After All

I've been meditating lately, that, when everything is told,
There's something in the English, after all;
They may be bent on conquest, and too eager after gold,
But there's something in the English after all.
Though their sins and faults are many, and I won't exhaust my breath

By endeavoring to tell you of them all,
Yet they have a sense of duty and they'll face it to the death,
So there's something in the English after all.
If you're wounded by a savage foe and bugles sound "Retire,"
There's something in the English, after all;
You can bet your life they'll carry you beyond the zone of fire;
For there's something in the English after all.
Yes, although their guns be empty, and their blood be ebbing fast,
And to stay by wounded comrades be to fall,
Yet they'll set their teeth like bulldogs and protect you to the last.
Or they'll die like English soldiers, after all.
When a British ship is lost at sea, oh, then I know you'll find
That there's something in the English after all.
There's no panic rush for safety, where the weak are left behind,
For there's something in the English after all;
But the women and the children are the first to leave the wreck,
With the men in line as steady as the wall,
And the captain is the last to stand upon the reeling deck,
So there's something in the English after all.
Though half of Europe hates them and would joy in their decline,
Yet there's something in the English after all,
They may scorn the scanty numbers of the thin red British line,
Yet they fear it's lean battalions after all.
For they know that, from the colonel to the drummer in the band,
There is not a single soldier in them all
But would go to blind destruction, were their country to command,
And call it simply duty—after all.

Local News.

J. M. South returned this week from Edson and reports a good trip.

Miss Agar, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robt. Cochrane, is seriously ill with appendicitis.

Mr. J. Owen of Flying Shot, who is at the hospital suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is slowly recovering.

The Selkirk Trading Co. have started building their new store and when completed promises to

be one of the best on the prairie.

Cecil Sully, arrived from Edson on Saturday. While enroute, at 20-mile he had the misfortune to lose one of his mares by being kicked.

Lake Saskatoon Concert

A concert will be given tonight, (Wednesday) at Lake Saskatoon in the English Church Mission, in aid of the new proposed Hospital. A good program has been prepared and as the cause is a very worthy one, a large attendance is expected.

Baseball Box Social

There will be a Box Social and Dance in the Peace River Trading Co's new store in Lake Saskatoon on Friday evening under the auspices of the Saskatoon Baseball Club.

Married in East

Mr. Lee Hodgins arrived this week with his bride from Eastern Ontario. THE HERALD extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins.

New General Store

Among the new enterprises that have been established here lately is a general store by Jas. C. Dunlap to be known as the People's O.K. Store. Mr. Dunlap has on hand a fine assortment of general merchandise in his new store.

Hosford-Balmer

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place at Edmonton on February 26th, when Miss Fannie, second daughter of Joseph Hosford, Balmen, County Cork, Ireland, was united in marriage to Fred T. Balmer, a popular merchant of this place.

The ceremony was performed at Mrs. Dailey's, Vermillion Ave., Rev. Henry Monton officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Balmer arrived here last Saturday and are now receiving the congratulations of a host of friends.

Presentation

On Saturday evening last, a number of the friends of Constable Collins, of the R.N.W.M.P., who has been transferred to Grouard, met in the Union Bank chambers to wish him success in his new appointment. Music was indulged in and refreshments served, after which a purse was presented to Mr. Collins. Mr. A. S. McLean made the presentation with a few well chosen remarks to which Mr. Collins replied, thanking the boys for their thoughtfulness which had been entirely unexpected.

Successful Concert

The Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church held a very successful concert in the School House last night. Although the temperature was a little low, quite a number turned out to hear the excellent program and partake of the good eats that the ladies had prepared. Pastor Forbes acted in the capacity of chairman. Following is the program:

Piano and Violin Duet—Mrs. Sroule and Mr. Scott.
Duet—Messrs Forbes & Macklin.
Solo—Jimmie Scott.
Solo—Mrs. Wm. C. Pratt.
Solo—Miss Vickers.
Solo—Mrs. Fletcher Bredin.
Recitation—Mrs. Macklin.
Solo—Miss Anna Patterson.
Piano Solo—Miss Dot. Hockey.
Recitation—Miss Alice Taft.
Solo—Mr. Roy Scott.
Recitation—Miss Reta Carveth.

Speech—Mr. A. Patterson.
Recitation—Master Art. Peebles.
Solo—Miss Mamie Moore.
Duet—Messrs Scott & Macklin.
Short speeches by Messrs Fletcher, Bredin, C. W. Johnston, Carveth, Shuttleworth and Axon.

Each number was well rendered. Grande Prairie certainly has some excellent talent. Little Alice Taft and Arthur Peebles deserve great praise for the bright way which they recited. Receipts \$47.

Telegraphic News

Latest Happenings From All Over The World by Special Telegraph to THE HERALD

McVeigh and Langford will fight on Thursday.

Settlers for Canada

Three thousand of the finest type of settlers, left Liverpool for Canada on Good Friday.

Provincial Election Soon

The Provincial Legislature prorogues today. It is rumored that the election will take place on April 17th.

Burglar Shoots Lumberman

While grappling with a burglar at Orilla, a prominent lumberman of that place was shot. He may recover.

Catholic Church Wrecked

The Roman Catholic Church at Cobalt, Ont., was almost totally wrecked on Sunday as service was being held.

Severe Snow Storm

Fort William is experiencing a very severe storm. No deaths as yet are reported.

Tornado Kills Hundreds

One of the worst tornados that has ever been experienced, is raging throughout Nebraska and Indiana today. At Omaha, two hundred are dead, six hundred injured and two thousand homeless. The property loss is estimated in the millions. Terre Haute, Ind., reports 21 dead, 150 injured with four hundred houses completely wrecked. The village of Perth and Parriton are almost wiped out. Loss unknown.

Shot His Wife

New Rochelle, Mar 24. — A man walked into the sheriff's office and stood for five minutes looking at the sheriff. When asked what he wanted, he coolly replied, "Why I have just killed my wife," and led the sheriff to his house, where his wife was found death with five bullet wounds. The man declared he killed his wife in self defense saying she chased him into the basement with a knife and ran him into a corner and, "I shot to keep her from killing me." They had been married two years. Man was 48 years old and the woman 20.

Government Officials Misinform Eastern Paper.

The Hamilton Spectator, it is to be feared has not been keeping in touch with the development in this part of the country. The following article appeared in a recent issue.

"A syndicate having its headquarters in Portland, Ore., is said to be arranging to establish a Swedish and Norwegian colony with the British Columbia section of the Peace River country. A vigorous campaign is to be started in Europe to secure settlers. A tract of about 25,000 acres of farm land has been secured. The land is said to be well adapted for wheat growing and general agricultural purposes. It also includes an area adapted for ranching. There need be little fears as to ranching, but wheat growing is a very different thing. The hardest Scandinavians will be helpless if they depend too much on wheat on a plateau where government authorities

declare there is only a chance of a successful crop once in three or four years."

The "government authorities" referred to must be those of the vintage of many years ago. This country has reached the stage where it is no longer dependent on the reports of any such authorities. There are several thousand people already conducting farming operations on the plateau in question, and though some years have elapsed since the first large movement into this country, there has been no crop failure yet.

The fact that so many people have come in so far in advance of the railway, is good testimony to the remarkable value of the land. Several railway lines are now being built in this direction, and just as soon as they are completed there is bound to be one of the greatest inrushes of population that has ever occurred in the history of the American continent.

Great Wheat Country

Mr. Morton Emerson, one of the most progressive farmers and land owners of this district stated when seen last week, that in his estimation, Grande Prairie is a good wheat country. Last year he raised 40 bushels of Marquis wheat to the acre on new breaking, and looks forward to great achievements in wheat growing this season.

Baseball Club Elect Officers

At a well attended meeting of the Saskatoon Baseball club, held last Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Hon. President, H. Adair.
Hon. Vice J. McFarlane
President W. H. Lowe.
Sec. Treas. P. R. Perraton
Manager Chas. Stoll.

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WM. C. PRATT, Publisher

With this issue we beg to make our bow to the people of this Last Great West. In doing so we feel proud to have the honor of being the pioneer Journal of what will some day be the greatest agricultural country that Canada possesses.

We will at all times endeavor to take an independent stand on all public questions and will consider it our duty to publish and advocate anything that is a benefit to the people of this country.

The subscription has been placed at the very moderate sum of \$2.00 per year and hope with your co-operation to be before long be able to make many improvements in our issue.

We have also established a modern and up-to-date Job Printing plant, which we have thoroughly equipped with desirable new American type faces, also a new Chandler & Price Press and all known improvements for the most economical handling of high class printing. We feel that in soliciting your work we are fully prepared and capable of handling it in a thorough manner and can assure you that any order placed with us, be it large or small, will receive our most careful and immediate attention.

Prospecting For Gold

A party of prospectors passed through here last month for Hudson's Hope. It is their intention to spend the summer in that region in search of placer gold.

Improve The School Grounds

Only too frequently is our attention drawn to the fact that our rural school grounds need improvements, in fact sometimes they look more lonely than a cemetery. This is certainly poor inducement to offer to the average girl or boy to attend regularly and Grande Prairie school is no exception.

New Auto Highway

An agitation is on foot we are informed, to have an auto highway built from Edmonton to Vancouver via Tete Juan Cache and Fort George. The different governments of course, will be asked to foot the bill. We think that if our government at Edmonton will concentrate their efforts to make the road between here and Edson more passable for settlers coming in the summer, that the money would be more wisely expended.

Want City Incorporation

North Battleford has applied for incorporation as a city, claiming a population of 5,000. It will be considered at this session.

Enormous Hen's Egg

An egg weighing 4 ounces and measuring 6 1-4 inches round the centre was laid at Watford, Hertfordshire, by a hen described as an "ordinary barn-door fowl."

Have Installed Bakery

Messrs Tlissington & Squires the popular proprietors of the City Hotel and Feed Stables, have just recently installed a first class Bakery in connection with the Hotel. The equipment is a first class one and certainly fills a long felt want on the prairie.

Took Him Back

A Newbarker relates this: I have a friend in Buffalo, who is something of a gay sport. He told me if I ever came his way to look him up. I had occasion to go to Buffalo, and gave my friend's address to a taxi cabby. When I got to the house I told the cabby to wait, as I was not sure if Bill was home and it was late at night. I rang the bell and a woman answered.

Is this where Mr. — lives? I inquired.

Yes, said the woman; bring him right in.

New Harness Shop Completed

Herman Ellert has just completed the erection of a fine new two storey building on lots 1 and 2, block 34, opposite the Union Bank of Canada. Mr. Ellert is busy opening up a large stock of Boots and Shoes. Harness and all kinds of Harness Makers Sundries. In fact when seen by a HERALD representative. Mr. Ellert stated that it was his intention to handle almost everything that is made of leather, so Grande Prairites can rest assured that their wants in this particular line will receive every attention. Mr. Ellert has just returned from a trip through the Eastern States and looks forward to a big influx of settlers this coming summer.

Lord Nelson's "Hints."

The Scotsman's conviction that Scotland is the laven and the rest of the universe the lump comes out amusingly in this story from the Dundee Advertiser.

At the battle of Trafalgar, two Scots, messmates and cronies from the same village, happened to be stationed near each other when the celebrated signal was displayed from the admiral's ship.

"Look up and read, Jock," said one to the other. "England expects every man to do his duty"—not a word for puir auld Scotland!

Jock cocked his eye at the fias and turned to his crony. "Man, George, is that a' your sense?" he asked. "Scotland kens we'll enough that her bairns will do their duty—that's just a hint to the Englishmen."

Taken Over Contract

Church and Weatherly are now operating their own outfits on this end of the mail route which will now make a complete relay of their own stages. It is the intention of this firm to shorten the time between Edson and here to six days this coming summer. This will certainly be a welcome change.

No Cancellation of Homesteads In Winter

Information has been received at the Dominion Land Office here that according to a new regulation of the Department of the Interior, no homestead entries are to be subject to cancellation during the winter months prior to the first of April.

The object of the new regulation is to enable settlers to go off their homesteads during the winter without danger of their homesteads being cancelled in their absence.

Hardship has been wrought in some cases where a man has been away from his homestead earning money during the winter and has not been able to get back just in time to fulfill the regulations regarding the six month's residence.

The new regulation however does not affect the necessity of putting in six month's residence on the homestead annually.

Splendid Report

In common with other banks issued reports for the 1912 business, the Union Bank of Canada presents a very strong and satisfactory report, in fact, the showing made by the bank is the best in its history. The net profits for the year ended the 30th November 1912, amounted to over \$706,000 or \$44,000 more than the previous year. The bank made gains in every department of its activities. Its paid-up capital was increased to \$5,000,000, its rest account to \$3,300,000 and its deposits now total over \$55,643,000 as compared with \$45,200,000 last year, its current loans gained by \$7,000,000 and are now over \$45,000,000, while its total assets gained by \$11,000,000, and now stand at \$69,400,000.

A notable feature of the Bank's report is the amount of gold, silver, Dominion notes and other quickly available assets, which bear a very high ratio to the liabilities to the public. As a matter of fact, the showing made by the bank must be regarded as most satisfactory to the shareholders and to the management, and is evidence that the move to the Western metropolis was an advantageous one from the bank's standpoint.

Building New Barn

A. W. Hamilton, one of the early residents of Grande Prairie, is certainly showing his faith in this part of the country. He has under construction one of the largest equipped livery, feed and sales stables that one would expect to find in any city. The dimensions of the barn is 60x100. Great care has been exercised in finishing the stalls so that it will be impossible for an animal to injure himself or steal his neighbors hay.

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Give us a trial, and we will prove to you that we can fill your wants satisfactory.

Joseph Voz, Proprietor

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Here And There



Alberta's coal output last year was 4,000,000 tons.

Edmonton's stock show will take place on April 2nd and 3rd.

Lethbridge will have a \$10,000 creamery this summer.

Over 75,000 sheep were imported from the United States in the past six months.

Louis Cry, the world's greatest strong man, died recently in Montreal.

A Bavarian soldier has invented shoes which enables a person to walk on water.

Engineers on the Panama Canal are helplessly watching a large slide near Culebra.

A Kansas farmer has quit raising cattle and in future will raise fish.

Allan Matthewson, of Detroit, fell into a boiling vat of soda solution and was scalded to death last week.

A structural steel plant is to be erected at St. Thomas costing \$100,000, which will give employment to about 150 men.

Manitoba's finances are in splendid condition, having \$3,552,084 after the total expenditures were deducted from the years receipts.

According to a statement made by Major Hocken of Toronto, that city has a cemetery trust of some magnitude.

Canada has ten million acres of land devoted to wheat, principally in Western Canada. The yield from this area produces one-sixteenth of the world's yield.

With the object of eliminating the liquor business, hotel bars, licensed clubs and liquor stores from Toronto, a new temperance organization has been formed. Politics are to be excluded from membership.

A Missouri editor refuses to publish obituary notices of people who, while living, refused to take the home paper. He says, "People who do not take the home paper are dead anyway, and their mere passing away is of no news value."

Pencils are being made from potatoes and men's collars from milk. If some friend of humanity would only discover a method whereby the wasted energy of the knocker could be harnessed and used for motive power, we would feel that the millennium was close at hand.

On account of the rumor that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, would not return to Canada from England to finish their term at Rideau Hill, on account of the Duchess's health. His Royal Highness has officially announced that they will be back in Canada in May, and has accepted several invitations for that month.

Pat Was First

Pat Kelly, one of the early settlers, holds the distinct honor of being the first subscriber to the GRANDE PRAIRIE HERALD. When Mr. Kelly heard that a newspaper was to be installed in Grande Prairie, he was not slow to realize what a benefit it would be to this community, for a district without a newspaper is like an auctioneer without a voice. So to an Irishman belongs the first copy that is printed.

Changes In a Century

One hundred years ago a man could not ride on a steamboat.

He had never seen an electric light or dreamed of an electric car.

He could not send a telegram.

He couldn't talk through a telephone and he never had heard of a hello girl.

He could not ride a bicycle.

He could not call in a stenographer and dictate a letter.

He had never received a type-written communication.

He had never heard of the germ theory or worried over bacilli and bacteria.

He had never looked pleasant before a photographer or had his picture taken.

He never had heard a phonograph talk or seen a kinetoscope turn out a prize fight.

Edmonton Drug Co.

In another column, we wish to draw attention to the add of the Edmonton Drug Co. Manager Fred Richardson by his business like method has certainly worked up a mail order business that is a credit to any institution.

Will Spend \$10,000,000

It is rumored from Ottawa that the Borden Government propose spending \$10,000,000 in the interests of agriculture to be spread equally over the next ten years.

Trust Company Fails

The People's Trust Company of Vancouver, with a branch in London, Eng., has made an assignment. It is expected that the shareholders will receive almost 100 cents on the dollar.

Prince Rupert's New Dry Dock

The construction of the big dry dock at Prince Rupert, is destined, in the opinion of experts to have an important effect upon the shipping trade of the Pacific Coast.

Many steamers that are now compelled to go elsewhere for repairs and overhauling, will tie up at Prince Rupert, in future.

BORN

JOHNSTON—At Spring Lake, on Tuesday, Feb. 18th., to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnston, a boy.

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MANAGER

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Our BAR is stocked with the finest brands of Wines and Liquors.

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SERVICES

Grande Prairie City, every Sabbath at 3 p.m.

Services will be resumed at the following outlying points the first week in April:—

Spring Creek.
Bear Lake
Kleskun Lake
Sexsmith

A. FORBES
Presbyterian Pastor.
Assisted by E. H. Sisley.

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SASKATOON LAKE

The Peace River Trading and Land Co. Open Their New Store With Very Social Evening

Messrs Innis, McLean and Holtem of Grande Prairie were visitors last week.

Sergeant Clay was in Grande Prairie last week in connection with the Hoffling trial.

It is understood that it is the intention of the Hudson Bay Co. to re-open their branch here at an early date.

T. Jordan, Manager of Revillon Bros. at Sturgeon Lake, who came up here about a week ago on a business trip, is laid up at their store here with inflammatory rheumatism.

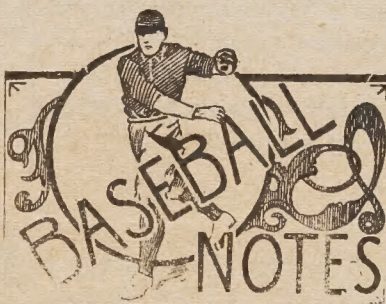
Mr. F. S. Lawrence one of the old residents, and formerly general manager of the Peace River Trading & Land Co., is expected in any day. Mr. Lawrence it is understood has in transit a flour mill for this district. It is rumored that at the next Provincial election that he will offer himself for election as an Independent. Mr. Lawrence has been a resident of the Edmon-

ton district since 1879 and was instrumental in the forming of the above company.

One of the most sociable events that has been enjoyed in this district for some time, was spent last Thursday evening, in the new store of the Peace River Trading and Land Co.

This progressive company have erected one of the most up-to-date and modern stores in this country, and manager Lawrence could think of no more befitting manner in which to christen the new premises than by opening the doors for a good dance before they open up their large new stock which has just arrived.

The floor was in good shape the music which Harry Walker dispensed was excellent, and before parting, many were the congratulations offered to mine host, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence. A. V. Smith, assistant manager of the company, acted in the capacity of floor manager.



A meeting of the Grande Prairie City baseball club will be held on Thursday evening at 7.30, at the office of J. L. Depencier, to make arrangements for the coming season. On account of the general meeting of the league on Saturday it is specially requested that all supporters of the club be present. Delegates will be appointed at this meeting to represent at the league meeting. Nuf Said, be there.

Meeting of Association

There will be a general meeting of the Baseball league, comprising the different clubs that expect to play this season, on Saturday next at Grande Prairie. It is expected at this meeting that a schedule will be drawn up of the games for the season, and a big attendance is expected. Each club is entitled to three delegates.

Frank Grey, President

At a meeting of the Western Canada Baseball League, held at Medicine Hat early last month, a six-club league was formed, which will in all probability develop into eight. Owing to a little difference, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge are withholding. The present clubs are Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Prince Albert.

Frank Grey of Edmonton, one sum of \$2.00 per year and hope chise holders of the west was appointed president. George Horner of Edmonton was also a delegate.

Mr. A. Patterson has just returned from an extended trip in the East.

Spirit River

Supplies for Hudsons Bay Co & Revillon Bros. arriving. English & Calkia installing Saw Mill.

Read, Gamett and Baily arrived last week with supplies. Leslie and McBennie have passed through here on their way to Dunvegan.

Mr. John Watson has purchased a new piano which arrived safely last week.

English & Calkin are installing a new saw mill here, which is expected to be running full blast shortly.

The Hudson Bay Co. and Revillon Bros. are busily engaged receiving their supplies for the coming year.

Quite a number of the farmers in this section are cleaning their grain and getting ready for the spring seeding.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Penny and Mr. and Mrs. Rycroft are among the new arrivals and settlers of this district.

A well is being dug in the German settlement by a number of the settlers to ascertain at what depth water is available.

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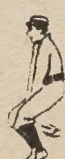
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Robert Cochrane The Timothy King of The Empire

For some reason, which it may be better not to go into, native sons of Huron County, Ontario, have become outstanding farmers in Western Canada.

Even though Robt Cochrane followed the trade of carpenter while in Ontario, this was seemingly no handicap to his success as a farmer in the Peace River.

That he has made a success of his chosen work has been attested countless times when his exhibits of pure seed grains have won for him the highest of national and international awards. Possibly the greatest of his many honors is that attained as the "Timothy King of the Empire," honestly earned through grand championships at several seed shows and the enviable record of supplying seed houses with more Timothy seed than any other individual in the British Empire. In one year his shipments of Timothy seed reached three carloads, which is some considerable achievement.

As Mr. Cochrane is a cautious systematic farmer, he does not depend on having all his eggs in one basket. Registered Victory Oats, Canadian Thorpe Barley, Alfalfa and a small seedling of wheat (usually Seager Wheeler's 10P) will be found on his extensive farm about twelve miles northeast of Grande Prairie each year. Some years the Timothy acreage goes as high as 400, others as low as 100, but always it is on land well prepared, weed-free and the resulting crops are a pleasure to behold.

It is not always his good fortune to be blessed with bumper crops as his 1,440 acre farm is no more fortuitously situated than that of his neighbor but methodical planning and unremitting labor aid materially in the results obtained.

When Mr. and Mrs. Cochrane left their Ontario home for the west they had no particular location selected for their future home. Through a fortunate investment while in Winnipeg, Mr. Cochrane obtained possession of South African Script for eight quarter sections of land.

About this time, early in 1910, there was strong talk of the Mackenzie and Mann interests building a railway into the Peace River. This attracted the attention of Mr. Cochrane and so we shortly found them loaded into a wagon behind a good team of horses and headed for the land of promise.

On arrival at Grande Prairie Mr. Cochrane carefully selected his eight quarter sections, and then another for homesteading, just for good luck. Late that fall they started for Edmonton on horseback, making the journey in fourteen days without incident, despite the fact that it was Mrs. Cochrane's first experience in the saddle.

Late in the winter of 1910 they returned with an outfit of
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Clean Certified Seed Brings Good Crops

The Peace River Seed Growers' Association Ltd. Have Been Making A Valuable Contribution To The Reputation Of The Peace River Country As The Seed Bed Of Canada For Several Years Through The Operation Of Their Seed Cleaning Machinery

The Peace River Co-operative Seed Growers Ltd., were organized on the 27th of October, 1928, replacing a seed board formed two years before, to assist in the distribution of better seed grain in the Peace River country. This association has had a large and important part in the development of the district. The first work of the association was to bring to the district pure seed to be multiplied on virgin land. This seed was then distributed to other farms and farmers who were making an effort to sow clean seed that would keep their new breaking as free as possible from weeds.

Some of the first seed brought to the district was the then famous "10 B. Marquis" wheat produced by Dr. Seager Wheeler. Following this was the introduction of Elite seed Victory oats secured from the University, Golden Vine peas, Alfalfa and rye grass. This seed has been multiplied, grown on other farms and multiplied until the district has become famous for its Victory oats, peas and other grains and grasses.

One is not surprised when referring to the history of this association to find that the first president is a man who has given much of his time and talent to the development of this district and the whole Peace River. The man referred to is Robert Cochrane, noted "Timothy King,"

help in the organization and development of the association the first three years.

The Association was organized as a co-operative company with forty-five members, each of whom subscribed for share capital to the amount of twenty-five dollars. A seed cleaning outfit was soon purchased to prepare seed for sale. This machine during the past spring has operated more than five hundred hours, cleaning thousands of bushels of seed oats for



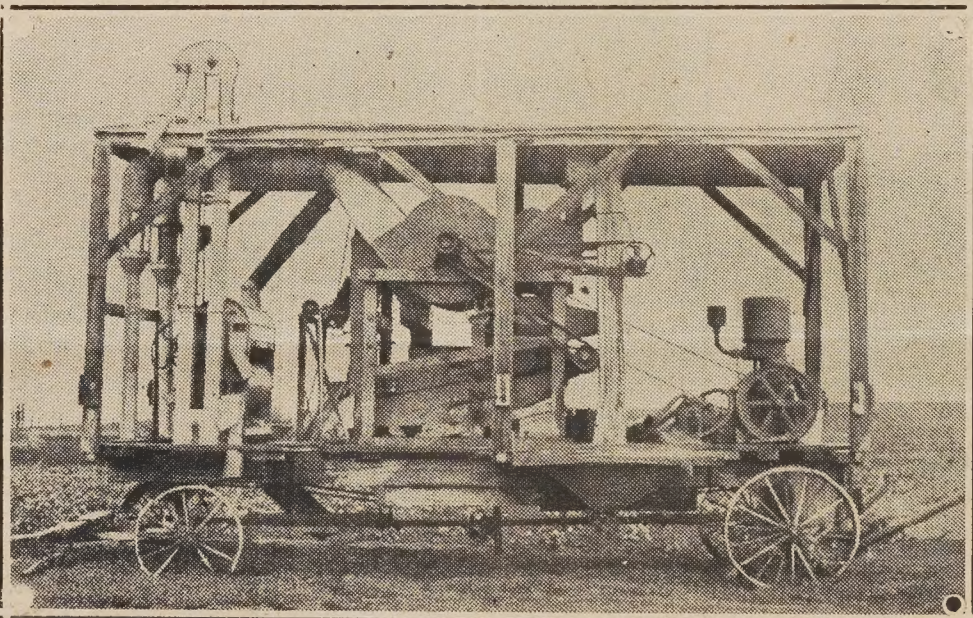
Robert Cochrane, President (left) and W. J. Thomson, Secretary of the Peace River Seed Growers' Association Ltd.

shipment to other provinces. The machine is a portable one that can be moved from farm to farm and is equipped with an up-to-date wind cleaning mill that separates by wind and wind suction, also a Carter Disc for the separation of wheat from oats. This is one of the best

atchewan. The buying in Saskatchewan was being done by a Relief Commission who was endeavoring to buy their requirements through the regular grain channels. W. J. Thomson, District Agriculturist, who assumed the secretaryship of the association after the retirement of A. R. Judson in 1930 made a proposal to the Saskatchewan Relief Commission through the Alberta Department of Agriculture and G. M. Stewart of the Dominion Seed Branch that the

Peace River country would supply one million bushels of seed oats cleaned to seed grade. This meant a saving to the Relief Commission of half freight as cleaned oats were eligible for a half rate. The offer was accepted. Five cleaning machines were operated by the Association and with the co-operation of the grain companies five hundred cars of cleaned seed were shipped to Saskatchewan. The majority of these oats graded No. 1 seed and the Peace River gained the right to the title of "the seed grain basket of Western Canada." Smaller shipments were made by the Assn. of field

inspected oats in 1932 and 1933. Sixty car-loads of oats or a total of over 121,000 bushels were shipped in the spring of 1934, going to the three western provinces and ten thousand bushels to the B.C. Block for seed relief. Some Marquis wheat was also shipped and one car of Can-



Seed Cleaning Outfit Belonging to Peace River Co-Operative Seed Growers.

registered seed grain grower and farmer. Associated with him on the first directorate were other capable, consistent registered grain growers who still are taking leading roles in good farming. They are Martin H. Anderson of Bear Lake, P. U. Clubine of Wembley, W. E. Grearson of Buffalo Lakes and H. W. Allen of Huallen, who is a Minister of the Government. The first secretary was A. R. Judson, who was at that time District Agriculturist and who gave considerable

machines of its kind in the Province.

The development of a producing agency for registered seed soon brought the added responsibility of a method of selling. This has been gradually developed by the association assisting the members to find a market for their seed. Several car-loads of oats were shipped each year but a test of their sales ability did not come until the spring of 1931 when there was a big need for oats in Sask-

sociation paying back to their shippers almost fifty thousand dollars.

The district experienced a severe frost in 1933 making a shortage of seed oats in some districts of the Peace. The Association bought eight cars of seed oats and offered to exchange these seed oats for feed oats on a basis of two for one of seed or the option of purchasing these at an established price of thirty cents per bushel. This
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Percy U. Clubine The "Pea" King Of The North

While engaged in the wholesale produce business in Toronto Mr. Clubine listened to the tales of the glamorous Peace River country which trickled through to the east in every increasing numbers.

It has been said of many Ontario born boys "their fancy lightly turns to the great northwest" but in this case it is more correct to state that the young Mr. Clubine did not lightly consider his plans which in April, 1911 caused him to set forth on his great adventure.

While his farming experience was very limited, having removed from King township where he was born to Toronto at a very early age, he had inherited a love for the land from a long line of agrarian forbears.

Arriving at Edson he quickly secured an outfit of oxen and ox-carts for the long trek over the Edson trail. The trail may have been arduous but with spirits undimmed he reached Grande Prairie City on July 16th and before the close of the month had selected his homestead ten miles west, right on the present Peace River highway.

One lesson the young man had well learned in the east was the value of pure, clean seed and much of his subsequent success is ascribed to his determination to never sow any but the best.

Results obtained have justified his belief. Countless times Mr. Clubine's pure seed grains have won high awards at provincial, national and international seed exhibits and shows.

While some of the early settlers believed the production of peas could not be commercially successful, Mr. Clubine held the belief they could and proceeded to demonstrate his faith by embarking on extensive production of same. That he has succeeded is substantiated by the earning of the title "The Pea King of the Peace."

He is also a heavy producer of registered Victory Oats and Western Rye Grass, practically every year supplying orders from many eastern customers.

In the line of cattle production his motto of "best only" has been justified through the years, his herd of pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus ranking with the finest in the country.

Mr. Clubine is one of the founders of the Peace River Co-operative Seed Growers association and besides being on the board of directors, takes a very active part in the operation of the seed cleaning machine which does custom work for the members and others who have been convinced of the need of good, clean seed. He devotes considerable of his time to converting unbelievers to become sowers of nothing but clean seed.

During July, 1914, Miss Louise Ethel Smith came out from
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"Apostle of the Peace" was the Title Earned by Col. J. K. "Jim" Cornwall

For Many Years "Jim" Cornwall Has Been The Greatest Friend The Peace River Country Has Ever Known.— Still Maintains Keen Interest In Its Development

"It's not fair to Peace River whatever sky is above me, and pioneer Peace River people—the salt of the earth, to hear from a new-comer what is wrong with Peace River, its soil, its people and its efforts to get a Coast Outlet . . . nor is it fair to hear about how mistaken and foolish we are . . . nor is it fair to the vast empire of the north tributary to it," said Col. J. K. Cornwall, with a vigorous effort to keep from sputtering, to a Vancouver newspaper man early this spring.

He had just had drawn to his attention an article emanating from a recently elected northern legislator, who after a few months spent in the north, had undertaken to tell the world what the north lacked, and didn't need.

Continuing his interview, Col. Cornwall said, "the past three or four years have tempered our mental make-up to a point where we can sing with Stevenson,

here's a heart for any fate' and so we can be philosophical about all these rantings. I refuse to believe we have been wrong about what we have done or what we want to do, just because a few critics talk the way they do."

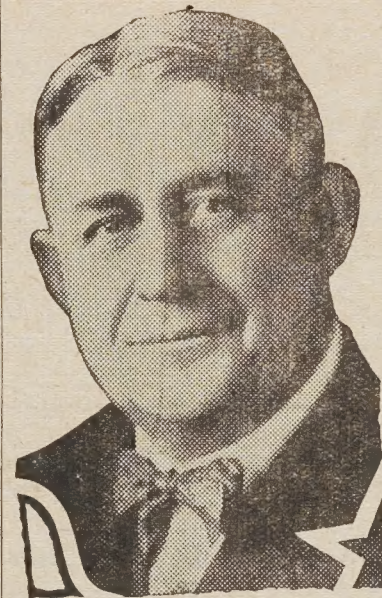
Never once, during the past fifty years has Jim Cornwall lost his faith in the north-land nor allowed criticism to go unchallenged and unanswered.

Real Home In The North

While Col. Cornwall maintains a home in Victoria, another in Vancouver, his own personal home still remains in the north, in which he spends the greater part of each year.

In the snug little log cabin close by Fort Fitzgerald, where he can see the boats come in, the planes land and takeoff, the dogteams mushing during the winter, Jim is 'at home.' To visit him in his northern home

is to at once understand why he is the great figure of the north with the fullest understanding of the opportunities and neces-



Col. J. K. Cornwall

sities of any living man.

Northern Mail Service

Jim laughs today as he hears complaints on the occasional tardiness of arrival of mail. In

"Wes" Bentley Popular Business Man of North

"Wes." Bentley was born in Smiths Falls, Ontario, in 1895, to the late George Arthur and Mrs. Rachel Watkins Bentley, now residing in Vancouver.

Coming west to Edmonton in 1910, Wes. quickly became interested in the possibilities of the Peace River.

In May, 1911, in company with the late Alpheus Patterson family, he left for La Grande Prairie, arriving here on July 4th. They came in over the Peace River Crossing trail, with ox teams and made remarkably good time.

Busy on his homestead when the Call of the Empire came for



THOMAS WESLEY BENTLEY

recruits for the Great War, he quickly enlisted in the 66th Batt. and in the spring of 1916 in England was transferred to the 102nd Batt. On October 31st, 1916 he was severely wounded in action and for the next year and a half was in hospitals and convalescent nursing stations in England. Then followed another period of hospitalization in Edmonton, with discharge finally coming in the spring of 1919. Wes. immediately returned to his homestead in the north.

On the 25th of April, 1924 he was married to Miss Dora May Spicer and they have been blessed with a fine son and daughter.

A member of the Church of England, A.F. & A.M., and the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L., Mr. Bentley also takes a prominent part in all community endeavours.

As local distributor for Imperial Oil products, Wes. is an active member of the business life of the district.

his time he has seen one mail a year. Then two. Then monthly. Now it is weekly, by airplane.

These complaints remind him of one time he left Edmonton for Peace River with the mail, a little food and his dog-team. Fought blizzards all the way, froze his face twice, nearly lost his life in the storm and when he reached Peace River was met with the query, "where the h— have you been?" because he was ten days late.

Ontario Boy Comes North

Jim Cornwall was born at Brantford, Ontario, on October 29th, 1869. Early in life the lure of the northwest became impregnated in his being.

Just when he arrived in the Edmonton country is not quite clear but in 1898 his eyes turned to the South Peace River country. In partnership with Fletcher Bredin, he prepared to open a fur trading post at Lake Saskatoon. In company with Alex. Monkman, who came north to manage their new post, he helped cut the first road from Spirit River to La Grande Prairie.

As early as 1901 we find him packing mail on his back from Edmonton to Peace River Crossing. A 400-mile trip for which he received \$350. Later he secured dog-teams and then he "mushed" the mail, through to Fort McMurray and Fort Fitzgerald.

In 1906 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Peace River representative in the Alberta Legislature but two years later he was elected with an overwhelming majority.

Brilliant Overseas Record

In 1916 Jim Cornwall was given command as Lieut.-Col. of the 218th Batt., Irish Guards, which was later converted into a railway construction unit. A brilliant record overseas culminated with his D.S.O. decoration in 1918.

Mining Interests

For the past many years Col. Cornwall has been in the forefront of most of the important mining developments of the north country. Despite his numerous activities, he is constantly alert and ready to give of his time and encompassing knowledge of the Peace River country towards obtaining those things which for many years have been so necessary.

In an interview this summer at his northern home, Jim Cornwall expressed his belief that big world changes are coming . . .

"We can only think and let these changes unfold themselves just as childhood unfolds to manhood. Do the immediate things and don't worry too much. The future is for our progeny to solve," indicates his philosophy of things that are and are to be.

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Nels Anderson was born in Norway in 1867. While still but a lad he came to the United States and in 1902 removed to the Melfort district in northern Saskatchewan.

While residing at Hawley, Clay County, Minnesota, on November 1st, 1896, to be exact, he married Edith Pauline Peterson and their union was blessed with three sons and four daughters.

Early in 1911 the family removed from Melfort to Edson, Alta., where they resided about a year before coming over the trail to Grande Prairie, which was reached on July 12th, 1912.

Taking up land in the Dimsdale district they continued farming until after the death of Mr. Anderson in April, 1918. On July 24th, 1922, the eldest boy, Norris Henry passed away.

The girls are all married: Lucille to Ross Beatty; Manila to Ralph C. Johnston, Lida to W. A. Clarkson and Pauline to Lawrence Conley. The two boys, Arthur and Clifford are at home.

Since 1924 Mrs. Anderson and her family have lived in Grande Prairie. For the past four years she has operated a most successful and appetizing cafe, specializing on home-cooking.

Discoverer of Monkman Pass Resident Here For Over Thirty-Five Years

Alex Monkman Was Enroute To The Goldfields Of The Klondyke When He First Saw La Grande Prairie—
Remained As Trader, Farmer And Horseman

Few, if any, residents of the South Peace River country are as familiar with the vast resources as is Alex. Monkman, a resident of the Lake Saskatoon district since 1898.

Alexander Monkman was born near old Fort Garry in Manitoba on March 29th, 1870. His parents, Henry and Nancy Whitford Monkman spent their lifetimes in the west, reaching their allotted spans at Vegreville in 1925 and 1931 respectively.

While Alex was at the tender age of five, the family removed to Prince Albert. Here he learned his first lessons in pioneer farming, taking great delight in watching his father and mother garnering the crops with a sickle and later threshing with a flail.

His first great adventure came a few years later when he was sent to Prince Albert with grain to be milled. The flour mill was operated by a Mr. J. Beades, assisted by a windmill. While awaiting turns for milling, the

settlers had their grain in small piles on the ground with buffalo robes covering. Alex had to wait four days for his turn and the time passed quickly for there were so many new things to be examined about the mill.

About 1884 the family moved westward again, this time into the Edmonton district. Young Alex was now approaching the time when the lure of adventure was calling. He became a rider of the plains, then drifted into

ed over La Grande Prairie close to Bear Lake. Meeting miners who had come in over the trail from Omineca in B.C., which had been cut by "Twelve Foot" Davis more than forty years before, young Monkman listened to their tales and immediately decided to settle down on La Grande Prairie and carve out for himself a homesite.

About this time he learned that Fletcher Bredin and Jim Cornwall contemplated opening a trading post in the vicinity of Lake Saskatoon, so he went back outside and secured employment with them. Alex remained in their employ until 1906.

The following summer he led their party in with supplies for the new post, cutting out the road from Spirit River to Grande Prairie enroute. The first post was established just north of Lake Saskatoon. At this time Monkman says there were not many Beaver Indians on La Grande Prairie, 2 or 3 teepees at Kleskun Hill, 3 or 4 at Bear Creek and a few scattered ones at Lake Saskatoon.

Establishing a homesite just north of the post, Monkman planted potatoes in 1900 and harvested a real good crop. In 1902 he sowed barley and oats from small samples of seed sent out by the government, from Edmonton. In 1903 when James Macoun came through Monkman had wheat, oats, barley and potatoes growing on his farm on the northwest corner of Lake Saskatoon, where the Consolidated school is now located.

From this small beginning of grain production has come forth a district which has become known over the world as the greatest of all grain producing districts, Wembley.

On July 14th, 1900, while on a trip to Edmonton, Mr. Monkman married Annie Louisa Tate who was born and raised at Victoria, Alta., on the Saskatchewan River. Mrs. Monkman's father was an old Hudson's Bay company employee for many years. He died in 1906 and her mother passed on in March, 1931.

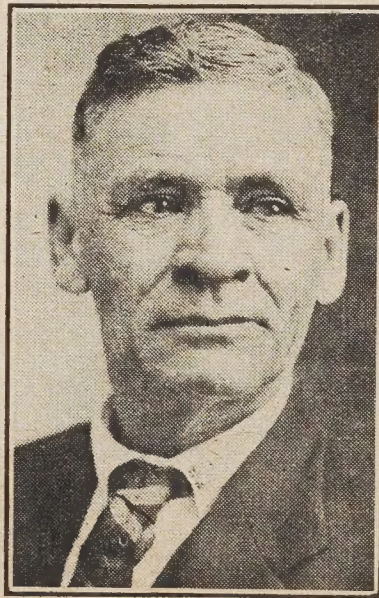
After leaving the employ of Bredin & Cornwall in 1906, Mr. Monkman traded, trapped, raised stock and farmed until 1910 when he settled on the land which now forms the home farm.

Speaking of those early trapping days, Alex recalls that in 1906 he shipped out around 4,000 pieces of fur, of which 1,770 were Lynx, an animal which has practically become extinct now. In the same shipment were Martin, Beaver, Bear, Mink, Fisher, Foxes, Otter and Coyotes.

It was during his hunting and trapping jaunts through the country that Alex Monkman succeeded in locating the Rocky Mountain Pass which bears his name, the Monkman Pass. With an elevation of 3,550 feet, this is said by eminent engineers to be the easiest pass over the mountains to the Pacific slope. Mr. Monkman has guided a large number of parties to and through the pass.

To Mr. and Mrs. Monkman have come three sons and two daughters, all born at Lake Saskatoon except the eldest girl, Elsie, now Mrs. Hugh Boyd of Wembley, who was born in Edmonton. Miss Christina is now residing in Macleod, where she is prominently identified with the Salvation Army work. The boys Fletcher, Henry and George are at home.

And so we leave this true pioneer family happily living out their destiny in the home of their adoption.



ALEXANDER MONKMAN

the mines near Butte, Montana. It was while in the mines that rumors of the Klondyke gold strike met up with him and an immediate start for the north was made.

After outfitting in Edmonton with a Red River cart and pack outfit, he struck out over the Klondyke Trail which led over the Swan Hills, through the Sturgeon Lake country and pass-

Charles Bremner

Charles Bremner was born in the Orkney Islands coming to Canada while the west was still regarded as a vast wilderness.

Entering the service of the Hudson's Bay Company we learn of his coming to the Spirit River district with Peter (later Sheriff) Gunn in 1885. For many years he conducted the Company's extensive ranching operations in the vicinity of White Mountain and later when it was removed to the vicinity of the Roman Catholic Mission, where the farm of James Dodge is now located. Mr. Bremner was especially fond of Aberdeen Angus cattle and it is said that no finer beef stock was ever produced in the north than those on the ranch in his charge.

Mr. Bremner died in 1928 after a lifetime full of adventure in his beloved adopted land.

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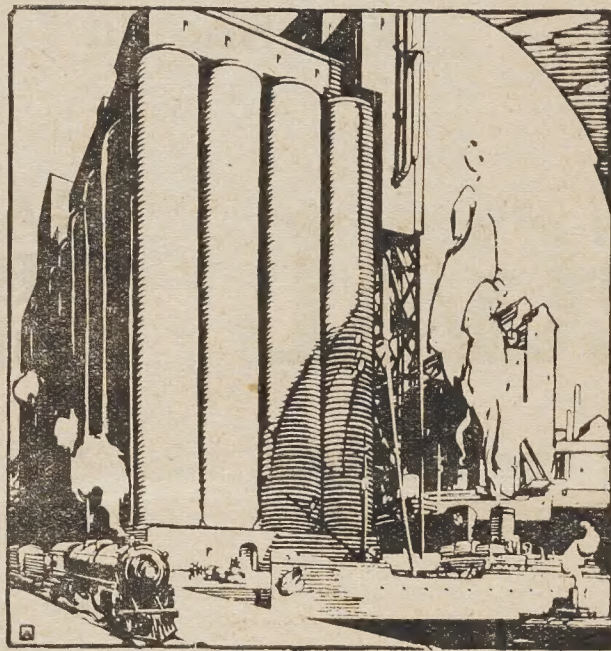
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A Tribute To Mrs. Maude Westcott Clifford

Born and raised in Kent County, a graduate of Ridgetown High School and later of the London Normal School, followed by a period of five years engaged as teacher in the town of Leamington, the subject of this sketch became known and revered as one of the most loved pioneer women of the Peace River country.

Early in the twentieth century Maude Westcott met and married Harry Burton Clifford, an engineer engaged in the growing oil industry of Western Ontario.

During 1905, Mr. Clifford was impelled to investigate the stories seeping into the East, of the vast potential possibilities for oil development in the far northern Peace River country. He made his journey by train, canoe and pack train and made a thorough survey of the district lying to the south of the great Peace River and now referred to as the Grande Prairie district.

Thoroughly convinced that the district visited would become heavily settled within a few years, Mr. Clifford persuaded his wife to return to the north with him. And so they left for their new home in January, 1906, leaving behind relatives, friends and all the comforts of civilization.

They reached the end of the steel at Strathcona (now Edmonton) on the nineteenth of January and within seven days were on their long hard journey into the little known and sparsely settled northland. Their outfit consisted of two teams and over twelve tons of trade goods.

One hundred miles north of the steel-head they reached Lesser Slave Lake which they traversed on the ice. Thence

over a hundred miles overland to Peace River Crossing and again on the ice, this time of the Peace River, sixty-five miles to Dunvegan, at which point Anglican and Roman Catholic missions and the Hudson Bay Trading post had been established nearly thirty years before. Sixty miles travel overland, through the Burnt Hills, past picturesque Saddle Mountain, brought them into that beautiful plateau, La Grande Prairie.

Thirty-one days spent on the trail to travel a distance now spanned by automobile and train in less than a day. The pioneer spirits of Mrs. Clifford's ancestors asserted themselves however when she summed up their experiences on the trail with the remark, "while the way was long and arduous, the fruits of the journey were well worth the endeavor."

Locating on a homestead just west of the present town of Grande Prairie, near Flying Shot Lake, the Cliffords settled down to create a home. They were both of a mind as to the future possibilities of the area developing into one of the finest agricultural districts of Canada.

But, for just a moment, let us consider the courage of this young woman. She had never been on a farm in her life, never baked a loaf of bread, made a pound of butter, milked a cow or set a hen. She knew of no other white woman residing within sixty miles. With the determination of her forebears, she met the problems arising with a spirit of determination and quickly became all that a successful homemaker needs must be. More, too, for Mrs. Clifford quickly became known throughout the entire prairie as

the guardian angel to the sick, homeless and afflicted. And for many years she graciously found the time to teach the children of the district their three "R's."

In reminiscences of other old timers will frequently be found incidents showing the spirit of self-sacrifice and helpfulness extended by this pioneer woman to the vanguard of the oncoming men and women seeking this section in which to build them a new home. Rev. Alex Forbes, now a resident of Sutton West, Ontario, was an early missionary for the Presbyterian church in this field. He and his good wife (now deceased) were lavish in their praises of the assistance rendered by Mrs. Clifford in those trying days.

To illustrate the spirit exhibited by those early settlers it might be well to relate that the disc harrow belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford, still in use on the ranch which was their early home, was the first one in the district and was loaned to new settlers over a very wide area. A fanning mill was brought in by a half-breed named Louis Callihou and it also was carried all over the prairie, being freely loaned to all who asked.

In December, 1907, a little girl came to the Clifford home.

There was not a doctor within two hundred and fifty miles, and no white woman within sixty. Despite these handicaps, this Eastern raised woman came through the ordeal splendidly. Little Miss Hilda Clifford, the first white girl born in the Grande Prairie district, is married and now a resident of Edmonton.

Just prior to this important event, Mrs. Clifford entertained at Christmas dinner all the white residents of the district. Eleven guests sat down to a most bounteous repast, consisting of vegetable soup, roast beef, roast goose, mashed potatoes, parsnips, pickled beets and cucumbers, cabbage salad, bread made from flour produced locally, fresh butter and cream and finally wine made from Saskatoon berries picked on the home farm. Every item, a pure Peace River product, and the repast the finished product of the skill of a housewife who on her arrival in the country just a little over a year before had never been on a farm in her life. Is it to be wondered that the fame of the Peace River country spread far and wide as fast as mails could carry it?

A few comments of history

making experiences related to the writer by Mrs. Clifford would be fitting right here.

In 1906 the nearest white resident of the district was a Roman Catholic priest at the Lake Saskatoon Mission, nearly ten miles distant.

The first Flying Shot detachment of the R.N.W.M.P. was stationed at the Clifford home in 1908, Constable (later Sgt.) S. G. Clay in command. Sgt. Clay now resides in Grimsby, Ontario.

The first court sittings were held in one of the Clifford buildings with Judge Noel presiding. M. W. Eagar prosecuting attorney (still engaged in practice in Grande Prairie) and the judicial party were entertained at dinner.

The first protestant religious services held on the prairie was held in the Clifford home by the Rev. Murdoch Johnston, Anglican Missionary from Spirit River.

And so we bring to a close the story of the first white woman who made a home in Grande Prairie district. Her husband passed on in November, 1924, and of late years Mrs. Clifford has resided with friends in the southern part of the province, still devoting her life and energy for the benefit of others.

In a recent letter to the writer, she closed with these words, "I was delighted at Christmas to renew my acquaintance with a number of my old Grande Prairie friends, past and present. for no matter where I go, there are no friends to equal the ones which I made during my pioneer days in Grande Prairie district."

Her many friends in the district, and they are legion, regard their associations with Maude Westcott Clifford as one of the most treasured memories of the pioneer days of the northland.



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established a fair market price for the distribution of seed oats locally in the Peace River.

In the spring of 1933 this Association with the co-operation of the Provincial Seed Board distributed more than 20,000 lbs. of grass and clover seed, including brome, rye grass, timothy, alfalfa and sweet clover. It has been the policy to make clean grass seed available to every grower in the Peace River cheaper than he can buy it elsewhere, to prevent the bringing to the district of grasses that might contain noxious weeds. No brome or rye grass is distributed unless it is certified Couch free.

The Association also sponsors the Junior Grain and Alfalfa clubs in the district. There is a Thriving Wheat and Oat Club members of which have won the first prizes offered at the Toronto Royal and Provincial Seed Fairs. One Junior won the Senior Championship on oats at both these fairs. In 1932 these clubs won both the first prizes for club exhibits at the Provincial Fair. Last year alfalfa was distributed to sixty farms in the district, many acre plots being sown by junior club members.

Senior and Junior grain shows have been held locally until 1933 when the Senior Show was dropped due to no grants being offered by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. The Junior Seed Show is being continued and each year the Association and the local Board of Trade act as hosts at a banquet to all the junior grain and livestock members in the district. During this year the Association co-operating with the Agricultural Society sponsored a Field Day and a Calf Club Show which was held at the farm of Mr. Alex. Craig in June.

This association have also gone out of purely seed activities in

an effort to serve the community. Last fall the provincial livestock branch carried on a better-swine campaign. The speakers told of the better results to be secured by feeding tankage. It costs a lot of money to bring tankage in small lots from Edmonton, so the Seed Growers brought in a car-load and distributed it to swine breeders. A second car lot is now being distributed.

Growers of registered grain know the disadvantage and loss that occurs when farms become infested with weeds. They also know that the best farmers in the district are those who grow registered grain and it is with this in mind that they have promoted the sale of clean seed and the organization of senior field crop competitions. They have consistently advocated that effective and drastic measures of weed inspection and methods of control be put into effect by the Department of Agriculture. They see each year more fields becoming fouled by wild oats and mustard and each year the greatest seed bed of the Dominion being lost to weeds and pollution of crops and realize that a more strenuous effort must be made if we are to retain the title of the "seed grain basket" of Canada.

Mr. Robert Cochrane still retains the Presidency of the Association and is still backed by two of the original directors, P. U. Clubine and Martin H. Anderson. Mr. H. W. Allen who was one of the first directors has now resigned after his appointment as a Minister of the Government, and Fred Cook elected to the board as his successor. Gordon Sherk of Huallen succeeded Wm. E. Grearson of Buffalo Lakes, when the latter found it difficult to spare the time required as a director.



An Average Wheat Field Scene

James Alex Brims Still Retains Love For Peace River

While a farmer resident of the Peace River country for but four years, from 1910 to 1914 Mr. Brims retains to this day the feeling that to all intents and purposes he is a pioneer of the north.

Leaving his native heath Thurso, Scotland, at an early age, Mr. Brims farmed in Saskatchewan prior to coming to Grande Prairie over the Athabasca trail early in 1910. He located his homestead on 17-72-4 in the Glen Leslie district and was rapidly getting the land under extensive cultivation when the outbreak of the Great War materially altered his plans.

Having served in the South African war, and being a reservist, Mr. Brims proceeded to England immediately, where he had his commission reinstated

and was sent overseas.

After demobilization his health suggested a warmer climate than that of the Peace so he went south and located in the Salt River Valley of Arizona. He is now making his home in Phoenix, Ariz.

"Although for the past thirteen years I have been residing in Arizona, I have always had a warm corner in my heart for the Peace River, and look forward to the time when the railroad will continue to the coast and bring greater prosperity to Grande Prairie," concludes Mr. Brims in a letter to the Editor.

PERCY U. CLUBINE THE "PEA" KING OF THE NORTH

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Toronto and in Edson became Mrs. Clubine. While a city-bred girl, she quickly fitted herself into the environment of the north and for many years has enjoyed a high place in community endeavors.

William Wade Pioneered In Spirit River

While the old town of Spirit River, located midway between the present townsite and Rycroft had been established nearly thirty years before, it was not until the near approach of steel in the late winter of 1915 that the present town of Spirit River began its growth.

Early in January of 1916, William Wade was one of the number who came in and to whom some credit for the building of the fine town of Spirit River is due.

Mr. Wade was born in Hensingham, Cumberland, England, in 1877 and has four brothers and three sisters in England and one sister in Australia.

Coming to Canada in 1901, for a time he resided at Banff and Calgary, later removing to Edmonton where he was engaged as provincial building inspector and later in real estate and insurance business.

On January 13th, 1916, he arrived in Spirit River, on the 14th assisted in the organization of a board of trade, by the 17th had completed erection of a home and was settled. During the next few years Mr. Wade was in the building construction insurance, farm machinery, real estate lines. Was the first Notary Public, returning officer for the first village council election, secretary-treasurer of the village for several years, also secretary of the Board of Trade and its president in 1922.

When the Dramatic club was organized Mr. Wade became president and remained so for several years. It was this club which secured the funds for the building of Dramatic Hall (now Masonic Hall). He also assisted in the organization of the S. R. Masonic lodge and served as W.M. in 1922.

Along in 1916 Oblinger Brothers started the Spirit River Times, which was printed by the Grande Prairie Herald. A short time later they removed to Grande Prairie to take over the Herald, Mr. Wade became editor of the Times. In 1923 he removed to California, but four years later returned to Spirit River. In 1928 he removed to Edmonton where he became identified with the late George Young in the publishing of a chain of 62 rural papers, known as the T.V. & C. chain. He is now managing editor.

Married at Calgary in 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Wade have two children, one residing in Calgary and the other in Edmonton.

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"Tom" Kerr Grandaddy Of Peace River Pioneers

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Much of the glamour and romance of the north country is interwoven with the life threads of one of the oldest living pioneers of the Peace River country.

Thomas Kerr, familiarly known as "Tom" by countless friends and associates for the past fifty-six years, was born at Haddington, East Lothian, Scotland to William and Mary Goodwin Kerr on May 19th, 1861. Of a family of four boys and three girls, he is the sole survivor.

While employed as assistant school teacher in his native heath, a book describing adventures of employees of the great Hudson's Bay Company in far off Canada, came into his hands. Becoming enthused, this lad of 17 appeared at the Company's offices and asked to be signed on for employment in the fur trade of North-West Canada.

On June 16th, 1878, with the formidable contract in his pocket, the young lad embarked at Edinburgh for Stromness in the Orkney Islands, where he boarded a Hudson's Bay sailing vessel, "The Ocean Nymph," (an old whaler) and sailed westward. The voyage was featured with stormy seas, several close escapes from collisions with icebergs, and to the young Scot adven-

our young Scot superintending the building of the first road from Grouard to Peace River Crossing. On its completion that fall, he again returned to Fort St. John, where he wintered, proceeding in the spring to Hudson's Hope, and later back to Fort St. John.

Opens Grande Prairie Post

In 1881 young Mr. Kerr was entrusted with the important mission of opening a post on La Grande Prairie. After a long arduous trip by saddlehorse, he arrived at Bear Creek, near the present townsite of Grande Prairie, tired and hungry. About this time he noted a big Jack-fish cavorting about in the creek, so with a quick shot, supper was provided. The next day he rode on westward until about 2 miles from Cutbank Lake he located a site for the proposed new trading post. (In recent years all traces of this original post have vanished). Having selected the site, it became necessary for Tom to proceed to Dunvegan to secure axes and a man to assist in the building. After the completion of the new post he returned to Dunvegan again and was sent to Fort St. John to supervise the getting out of material for the new buildings to

across the river from Dunvegan. Davis later removed to Peace River, homesteading on the steep hill above the settlement, where he now sleeps in eternal peace.

Promotion Comes

After the completion of the Dunvegan post buildings, Tom was sent to Fort St. John to manage that post. The following spring he was sent to Grande Prairie as manager of the post he had erected, which was then being opened as a year-round post.

A Visit To Scotland

In the summer of 1888, ten years after coming to Canada,

Tom paid a visit to his old home in Scotland. For a time he enjoyed his vacation, then the longing for the wide open spaces of the north predominated and by fall we find him in the Company's store in the old fort at Edmonton.

Manager At Athabasca

Two years later he was appointed post manager at Athabasca Landing but a short time later, due to a disagreement with the Company officials he resigned.

Entering into partnership with Duncan McDonald (who passed away at Dunvegan about six

years ago), Tom engaged for the next four years in hunting and trapping in the Great Slave Lake country. In speaking of his partner, Tom observed, "During the four years of our partnership, we never had a wrong word. We were closer than brothers. He was one of the finest men I ever knew." The two partners whip-sawed the lumber, hand-made the shingles and assisted in the erection of the English Church Mission.

After disposing of a large catch of fur at Edmonton, Tom went to Fort McMurray, trapped

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Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kerr at their Sturgeon Lake Home

turer an unpleasant change of diet, the fare being mostly salt beef, salt pork and hard tack.

On arrival at Fort Churchill, now the terminus of the Hudson Bay Railroad, he boarded a boat for York Factory, which at the time was the distributing point for the north country. Later he was sent to Grande Rapids on the lower end of Lake Winnipeg, and again by boat to Fort Carleton on the Saskatchewan River.

Continuing his journey northward, he boarded the steamboat "The Lily" for Edmonton, changing at that point to ox-cart for the trip to Athabasca Landing, where he again embarked in a York boat for Lesser Slave Lake. From here he was sent by ox-cart to Peace River Crossing which he reached in the latter part of September of 1878.

Helped Build First House

Tom's first job in the north was to assist in the building of the first house at what is now the town of Peace River. In 1792 Alexander MacKenzie had erected a house and spent the winter at the Crossing, but the one above referred to was the first building on what was to be the future townsite.

On the completion of the house Tom proceeded to Fort St. John by York boat. According to an old story told him by an aged Indian chief, the Company had many years previous a post at the mouth of Pine River. A band of Beaver Indians had swooped down on it one night, killed the clerk, sacked and destroyed the fort.

Cutting Out Grouard Road

The following year we find

be erected at Dunvegan. Whipsawing of lumber and hand-making of shingles was a slow tedious job but that it was well done is attested by the condition of the buildings still standing at Dunvegan. On completion of the new post buildings, Dunvegan was made headquarters for the district with outposts at Hudson's Hope, Fort St. John, Battle River, Peace River Crossing, Grande Prairie and Lesser Slave Lake. James McDougall was placed in charge of the district, but shortly after was sent to Edmonton as chief factor, being succeeded for a short time by Dr. McKay and later by Fred Bedson.

Manitoba Maples Planted

Visitors at Dunvegan have frequently commented on the beautiful Manitoba Maple trees surrounding the post. It is interesting to note that Mr. McDougall while on a trip to Winnipeg secured some small trees and on his return Tom Kerr carefully set them out.

Father Grouard Builds Church

It was about this time that Tom first met Father Grouard who had returned from the MacKenzie basin to erect a church at Dunvegan. The friendship which blossomed between the young Scot and the reverend priest has continued unabated through the years. In recent months Mr. Kerr has expressed a hope that he may be spared until he can pay a visit to the venerable Bishop Grouard, who is now retired from active duties and living at Grouard.

Another acquaintance of this period was "Twelve-Foot Davis" who was running a trading post

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On March 3rd, 1910, Floyd South, Selby McAusland, Ross Beatty and J. M. Campbell left Edmonton headed for the Peace River. The party celebrated St. Patrick's anniversary in Grouard then pushed on over the, at times, obscure trail leading south and west, until the Simonette river was reached. The ice was out, water running high. Building a raft, over two tons of supplies were put aboard and South, McAusland and Campbell embarked for Bezanon. Beatty, accompanied by a helper, Pete Fiddler, took the horses overland. The party rejoined at Bezanon and proceeded through to Lake Saskatoon where they camped on the sports grounds



FLOYD JOHN SOUTH

until Pete Tompkins, land agent from Grouard arrived to take their applications for homesteads.

On September 24th, 1915, Floyd South enlisted with the 46th Batt., arriving at Shornecliffe, England in May, 1916, and transferred into the 49th, Edmonton Regiment. Wounded in July, 1916, he spent six months in "Blighty" and was then transferred to the 1st Canadian R. R. Troops.

Returning to Grande Prairie following demobilization in March, 1919, the next big event in his life occurred on August 21st, 1919, when Miss Harriet Pearl Dillon, the eldest daughter of Wm. C. Dillon who came to Dimsdale in 1911, became Mrs. Floyd J. South. Their union has been blessed with one son, Carlin Russell South.

Floyd South was born in Casselton, North Dakota, on September 24th, 1883, his parents being John M. and Minerva Ann Ballard South, both residing in brother, Claude M. South lives at Cass Lake, Minn., one brother, Merle is deceased. There are four sisters, Mrs. J. R. Bennett and Mrs. Price at Klickitat Wash., Mrs. Fred R. Smith and Mrs. Selby McAusland here.

Mr. South has been an adherent of the Presbyterian church and a loyal member of the Orange Lodge, and the Canadian Legion B.E.S.L.

On Thursday, October 4th, 1934, he answered the last roll call following a brief period of hospitalization.

JAMES BELL

James, or as he was more familiarly known "Jimmie," Bell was a fine upstanding Scotch lad who came to Grande Prairie district and took up a homestead two miles west of town in 1911.

When the Call of the Empire came in 1915, Jimmie enlisted in the 66th Batt. and went overseas.

He was killed in action in France.

"Tom" Kerr Granddaddy of Peace River Pioneers (Continued from Page Six)

down the Athabasca, wintered at Fond Du Lac and in the spring came back to Athabasca where he re-entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company and was sent to take charge of the post at Little Red River, five miles below the Schutes on the Peace River.

Goes Home For Bride

In the summer of 1901 the urge to revisit his native heath became too strong to resist, so Tom obtained a furlough and once again crossed the Atlantic.

But on the return voyage he was not alone. During the brief vacation he had persuaded Miss Agnes Taylor of Perthshire, Scotland, a sweetheart of his boyhood days, to become Mrs. Kerr. The wedding took place in Glasgow in September of 1901 and the honeymoon was spent on the long voyage across the Atlantic and northward to the Peace River Crossing which was reached about November first.

At the Crossing Tom secured a small boat, into which was loaded their effects and the journey downstream to their home at Little Red River was started most auspiciously.

Misfortune after misfortune was encountered and met with true northern perseverance by the bridegroom and Christian fortitude by the bride. The small boat was caught in a floating ice jam near White Mud making a hasty abandonment necessary, but not before setting Mrs. Kerr and all supplies safely ashore, and the latter cached. The trek back to the Crossing, some 35 miles distant was started, which was reached without incident beyond the usual hardships of travel.

A hand sleigh was built and the trek back to the cached supplies accomplished by December 5th. With the supply-laden sleigh resting on the ice ready for the onward journey, Tom had stepped back in the bush for some firewood when he was startled by a call from Mrs. Kerr and the information the ice was moving out and carrying their supplies downstream. A mad dash to the river, a leap to the moving ice and a hurried throwing of supplies to the shore followed.

Tom then decided to push on down river about eight miles where he believed a band of Indians were camping, only to be disappointed on discovering they had left, presumably for Grouard to spend Christmas. But one thing remained—to return to the Crossing, which they did, remaining there until the middle of March.

North By Dog Team

With Mrs. Kerr comfortably

ensconced in the dog sleigh, an Indian driving the dogs and Tom breaking trail, the party again started for their Little Red River home. On the second day they met up with Sergeant Butler of the R.N.W.M.P., going to Fort Vermilion for a prisoner and travelled with him to Battle River and Carcajou Point. Here the Kerr's decided to remain in camp for a day, while the policeman plodded onward through the deep snow. This was a canny move by the young Scot trader, who in relating the incident remarked, "We kept just a camp behind. I thought it was only fair for the Sergeant to break trail for part of the way."

After spending a night at Fort Vermilion the Kerrs pushed on over the 65 miles to Little Red River, making it in two days. Not counting the trips back to the Crossing, they had travelled 365 miles, with Tom tramping on snowshoes.

First White Children Born In The North

Three children came to bless the union, all born at Little Red River; Janet, now Mrs. McLaughlin of Valleyview, William still at Little Red River and Miss Mary at home with her parents. They were the first white children born in the settlement.

Home To Sturgeon Lake

While the children were still small Tom was transferred to Grouard, then Fort McMurray and Fort McKay. In order to secure better schooling, a transfer was asked for and Tom was assigned to the Sturgeon Lake post (Calais) in 1911, succeeding Angus McLean who shortly after died at Athabasca Landing.

In 1914 Mr. Kerr resigned, went to Edmonton, brought back a stock of goods and opened his own trading post, which he still conducts adjacent to their comfortable little home on the shores of Sturgeon Lake.

In the garden fronting their home are a number of Manitoba Maple trees, grown from slips taken from the trees he planted at Dunvegan many years previous.

Here in the eventide of life, these sturdy Scotch pioneers of the Canadian North-West, surrounded by numerous friends, visited by all old timers who on occasion pass by their way, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerr are peacefully enjoying their advancing years in the beloved home of their adoption.

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Ellias A. Smith, Beayer Lodge, Tells Of The True Frontier Spirit And Christian Fortitude Shown By The Ontario Emigrees Who Came To The Peace River in 1909

I have often been asked how the Ontario company, that came to this country before the surveyors, ever thought of coming so far from civilization.

I find the question rather hard to answer without giving some facts, perhaps a little out of the line of newspaper correspondence.

The moving spirits connected with our westward move were members of a sect called the Christian Association. Our motto is, "To do whatever God tells us in harmony with the whole organization." So it happened that one family got God's word to go West, and then another and another, until on the 16th of March, 1909, we found ourselves assembled in Toronto, a company of twenty-seven, including men, women and children.

The C.P.R. officials were very obliging in arranging our passage, and gave us two cars for our accommodation to Edmonton. As we were nearly all farmers we brought with us one car of used machinery and some household goods; and one car of new machinery, bought from the Massey-Harris Co., in Brantford.

Quite a number who left Toronto at that time are still in the Grande Prairie country.

These include Mr. and Mrs. Amos Sherk and family; Mr. S. McNaught; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Millar and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lossing and son Clarence; Mr. and Mrs. Crabbe, both of whom have passed on with the great majority; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. R. Schliser, who came out on their honeymoon, proved up their land, and returned to Buffalo, N.Y. Of the single men who came out at that time, nearly all have returned to Ontario, or have gone elsewhere.

On our journey from Toronto to Edmonton we were met in Winnipeg by Gordon, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherk. He had been in Dakota, but decided to join his parents in their venture in the west. We arrived in Edmonton in record time, and were met by Mr. and Mrs. Drake who had come from Ontario two years before, and by Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Gaudin, who had been in Edmonton for some time.

Just at the time that we were

preparing to leave Ontario, South African Scrip was on the market, and some sixteen or seventeen persons had availed themselves of this opportunity to procure more land. Scrip at that time was selling from \$450. to \$800. As cash was rather scarce with most of us, we decided to settle close to one another in order that we might change work and in other ways co-operate to get a start. We found that it would be impossible to carry out these plans anywhere within a reasonable distance of Edmonton.

There was some literature on the Peace River country, and a glowing report left in the land office by Messrs. Stone and Johnson, who had been in that district the year before. They reported having ridden all over the country in the month of November in their shirt-sleeves. They had returned for their families and outfits that spring and were planning to go back to the land of peace and plenty.

After getting as much information as we could, and after much consultation, it became clear—as we say—it was God's word that we go to Grande Prairie. We at once began our preparations for the trek north. As we had more machinery and other goods than we could take with us, we built a shed and stored most of it. Part of our household effects and other goods went to the auction rooms, with what result you can easily guess. We were advised to take ox-teams rather than horses—and we found that it was good advice—so we searched the surrounding country for them. By April 20, 1909, we had eighteen teams of oxen, fifteen heavily loaded wagons, and one horse and buggy. Little did we know what was before us in the five hundred miles we were to travel before we reached the land of milk and honey.

Our party now numbered thirty-one. We left Edmonton at five p.m. on April 20, 1909 and made four miles before we camped for our first night. Some slept in tents, while others slept in the open air. Co-operation is a popular word today, and it was God's word to us to co-operate on this trip to Peace River. Our machinery, wagons, teams and our provisions belonged to

us as to one great family.

When we had been out two or three days we found that we had forgotten something—we had no one to tell us when to stop for the night or when to start in the morning—so we picked on one of the party and called him the Boss. As events transpired the name seemed to suit very well, for at times there seemed

strong as its weakest link—we could travel only as far each day as the weakest team. On the 13th, we reached the place where we were to cut wood. Friday morning our camp looked like a little white village. You notice that we arrived here on the thirteenth and began work on Friday, so I need not tell you of the varied experiences before



Harvesting With Oxen

to be more bossing than management. However, we got along very well, and at nine p.m. on April 27th, we pulled into Athabasca Landing with no serious result, except that Mrs. Drake and a couple of the young men had contracted poisoning in the eyes from using towels that had been dried on bushes.

Finding that we were too heavily loaded to make much headway, and taking the advice of those who knew the trails, we arranged to ship twelve thousand pounds by the Northern Transportation Company, to Shaw's Point on the west end of Lesser Slave Lake. The board officials were using wood for fuel, and as they had been having considerable trouble in getting wood cut, they induced our party to cut from one to two hundred cords of four-foot wood, and to pile it neatly on the bank of the river. We were to do this while the teams were having a rest, and we were to get two dollars a cord if the work was satisfactory. On the thirteenth of April the ice was still in the river, with no water on it. We engaged a half-breed to test out a road for us, and moved our goods over to the north side of the river. We bought baled hay at twenty dollars a ton, and oats at eighty-five cents per bushel. There was a snowstorm that night, with the temperature eight below zero.

Mr. McNaught, thinking to have a joke on some of us younger lads, told us that when we got north of the river some of us would have to stay up at nights to keep away the wolves and bears from the cattle. To keep up our courage we got out our shot-guns and rifles. Mr. McNaught had his laugh on us for we didn't even see a track.

On Saturday, May 1, as our patients were able to travel, we started on our way, and made about fourteen miles over what we thought were the toughest roads anyone could travel over. But were they? Ask some of the boys. What about Bald Hill—with the sun blazing down on the south side, and the streams of water trickling down the wagon tracks? The first few teams got to the top, but by this time the wagon track was some feet below the surface, and we were obliged to put three teams to one wagon to haul four women up the hill. They were not heavy weights, either. Before we got our loads up we had to do some ditching, and some corduroy building. We finally made the top, and went merrily on through bush and muskeg. Did we have any unsets? Ask Mr. Lossing. He knows as well as any of us and doesn't mind talking about it. We made from ten to sixteen miles a day, and on May 10, reached a stopping place kept by W. F. Rumball and wife. We spent a nice evening with them, talking, dancing and singing.

We found the old saying quite true—that a chain was only as

ed out. The only serious case was when Mr. McNaught treated the boys to dried apples—all were able to work the saw handle the next morning. We finished our cutting and hauling on May 29, and found that we had ninety-six cords. We thought that it was worth four dollars a cord instead of two. We were now ready for another move. We were camped on the Little Slave River, about fifteen miles east of Lesser Slave Lake. The road around the lake was reported to be impassable, so we decided to ship by boat. We packed about ten thousand pounds of supplies and left it with thirteen of the adults to come by boat. Ask Mr. Sherk how he got along here with the mosquitoes?

On Monday, May 31, part of the men took teams and wagons to Sawridge. Here they got our wagons ready to load on the boat and left one man in charge. The rest of us made our oxen ready to pack around the lake. We left Sawridge in the afternoon, but had hard work to find the pack trail. Imagine, if you can, one man having four oxen tied one behind the other wandering along the banks of the lake shore. Sometimes we were following a bear trail off into the bush; again one ox would go on one side of a tree, (Continued on page thirteen)

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and the next on the other side throwing your pack sack into the bushes. Whenever this bear trail got thirsty it would wander down to the water again. I'll not attempt to give you all the names that were given to the poor oxen—but it does seem to help some to give vent to one's feelings on such occasions. We travelled this way until noon, when we held a pow-wow, and decided to go back and get the wagons. We did this; purchased a sack of flour and some baking powder, and were off again to hew our way around the north side of Lesser Slave Lake. We travelled over gravel, cobble stones and huge boulders, sometimes driving for long distances in one or two feet of water. At other times we were hewing a road through the forest. We had several interesting times crossing the several streams that come down and lose themselves in the cold waters of the lake. We made the trip in record time and arrived at the boat landing two or three hours before the boat was due. We greeted the rest of the party with red, white, and blue handkerchiefs tied streamer

fashion at the boathouse. As the boat had more freight than it could bring, the bulk of our goods were still in the warehouse at Athabasca Landing. It would take two weeks at least for them to make another round trip. To keep ourselves out of mischief, and to keep from getting homesick we got out our saws and again cut wood. This time it was green poplar, and the weather and the ground were more favorable.

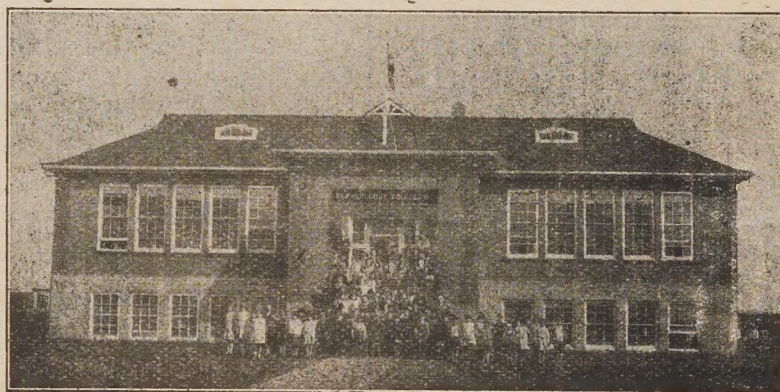
The fishing was all that could be desired. Jack and Pickerel were in abundance. We cut one hundred and eight cords of wood, making in all two hundred and fifty-four cords. At two dollars a cord we had made a lot of money. Our freight and passenger bill was over four hundred dollars so we hadn't much left for picture shows.

Before leaving this beautiful camping place we valued all the teams, and divided all that had been held in common among us. Our co-operation had been successful—considering the Boss—and yet, what would you expect when people go out to harmonize with God's word? Of course we had our different opinions at times, but when harmony results everyone is pleased.

On Tuesday, June 20, we left this lucrative fishing place everybody in good spirits, the teams in good condition, and seven cows and two calves add-

ed to our outfit. The cows were purchased principally through the Hudson Bay Co. Passing on we come to the town of Grouard. Here the Mounted Police were very particular to get the names

us its own joys or sorrows. Here the whites and half-breeds were having a four-day celebration. We saw some good gardens at Spirit River. We passed over some very bad roads before we



The Beaver Lodge High School

of every one in the party, how much money we had, and how much provisions, as well as our proposed destination. They explained that this was necessary in case of serious sickness or an epidemic when it would be necessary to bring us back to civilization. About this time we began to think that we must be getting a long way from home. We were shown through the R.C. Mission gardens and made the acquaintance of several people in the town.

From there we made from sixteen to twenty-two miles per day until we reached Peace River Crossing. I suppose everyone who has travelled this trail will always remember the wonderful scenery at this point—the enormous deep gullies with a very small stream of water leading into the river—the huge banks hundreds of feet leading to the water. Looking south-west we see the Smoky River emptying into the strong deep current of the Peace. On Tuesday, June 29, we kept the ferryman busy until five p.m., when our last load was over the river. The next morning we climbed the long bank where we met Alexander MacKenzie who said that he was a nephew of Sir Alex. MacKenzie. He told us where we would see the fort where his uncle spent the winter of 1793, and crossed the balance of the country—the first white man to cross the continent.

We passed through A. Brick's ranch, called at Carsen's flour mill, and camped at the farm of Mr. Griffens near Cold Springs a beautiful stream of cold sparkling water. The settlers around here were telling us how pleased they were at the election of J. K. Cornwall which had recently taken place. Passing over that sixty miles of beautiful country north of the Peace we again reached the banks of the Peace River at Dunvegan on Monday, July 4. Here we saw Mr. Fred Bedson, the manager of the Hudson Bay Company, and found that the ferry had broken loose the day before and was still somewhat out of repair. However, he thought they would be ready for us. About six o'clock the next morning we sent four teams down, to find Mr. Bedson still in bed. This delayed things somewhat, but we had the last of our things over by seven-thirty that evening. We bought from the H.B.C. a large quantity of Vermilion Baker Flour at eight dollars a hundredweight. The heavy strain of the day proved too much for the ferry. The next day it broke loose again, and they had a merry chase before they could bring it to shore and tow it back to its landing place.

We came up the big hill which is about a mile in length and can boast of the biggest and fiercest mosquitoes in the Peace River country. We camped at Esplin Bros. They had been in the country six years and they wanted us to look over the Spirit River country. But our eyes were fixed on Beaver Lodge in the Grande Prairie district, so again we moved on. Each day brought

reached the Burnt River. We were so late getting to camp that the women were still baking biscuits at eleven p.m. This baking was a daily occurrence but was usually over by eight or nine o'clock. We next passed over the Saddle Mountains and the Birch Hills, where we met the surveyors. Here we had some trouble and delay with the cattle getting what seemed to be sunstroke, which made them too weak to travel for a few days. So we passed over the Grande Prairie district, and call-

ed at Lake Saskatoon, the only post office in this part of the country at that time, and was called Beaver Lodge. Considerable mail was received at this time, and from then on once a month.

We again pushed on about twelve miles, and on July 14 we made our camp at what is now Spruce Canyon. Here we lived for several days going out each day in different directions, and returning at night to make our reports. After a week or so of this prospecting, one and another decided where he would locate. A stake was driven in to await the coming of the surveyors.

We found a few families in the district. Mr. O. Johnson and family; Reid Stone and family; C. O. Pool and family were prominent among them. Circumstances naturally threw us much together, and in making roads and in developing a new country we soon found ourselves becoming fast friends. For twenty-five years this friendship has been growing stronger and truer. May it continue for another twenty-five years!

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Never one to discuss the difficulties encountered in his work

country, he was called to Ottawa during the winter of 1906-7 as one of the principal witnesses to the inquiry being made into the resources of the great north-west.

While threads of his adventures in the Peace run through the histories of other northerners of the late eighties, it was not until 1898 that any definite move to settle down in the district was made. In partnership with J. K. (Jim) Cornwall he opened a trading post at Lake Saskatoon, with Alex Monkman as his chief assistant. During the Klondyke gold rush Mr. Bredin added to his other activities that of a horse dealer. The old Klondyke trail passed close to the Bredin-Cornwall post.

W. Fletcher Bredin was elected to the first Alberta Legislature under the Rutherford government as representative for Athabasca, but in later years has been a supporter of the U.F.A. government.

As a director of the Commercial Life Assce of Edmonton, his counsel and advice is highly regarded.

Opened First Restaurant In Sexsmith Hamlet

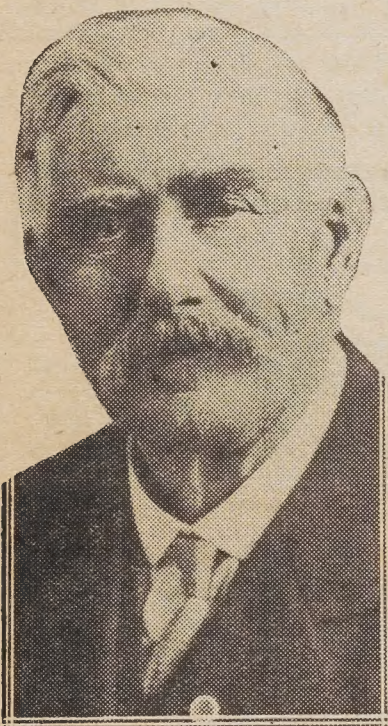
Enjoying the distinction of erecting and occupying the first building to appear on the townsite of Sexsmith, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Baker are rightly entitled to be regarded as Old Timers.

Mr. Baker came north over the Edson Trail in 1908 and two years later Mrs. Baker joined him, coming in over the Athabasca-Smoky River Trail.

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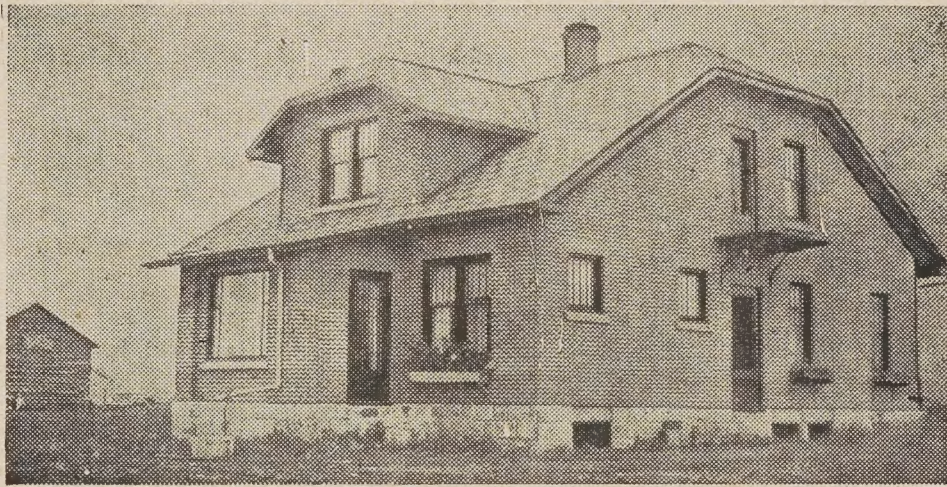
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**ROBERT COCHRANE
THE TIMOTHY KING**
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horses, oxen, machinery and a year's supply of provisions. Incidentally Mrs. Cochrane insisted on bringing along with the household furniture her piano, the first to be brought into the country.

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Duncan Macdonald was born near Stornoway, Scotland, in 1860. While still a young man he came to Canada, about 1883, in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Two years later on the outbreak of the Riel Rebellion, he enlisted as a scout under General Sam Steele, and served under Major Griesbach, rendering valuable service, until the rebellion was quelled, receiving his discharge as sergeant in the late fall of 1885.

Again entering the Hudson's Bay service after the temporary absence, he came to the Peace River country and served at several points throughout the district. The larger part of his time was spent at Dunvegan, and when he retired from the service he took up his residence there, continuing until his death in 1928.

During the last few years of his life Mr. Macdonald was an assistant of the Indian Department, travelling with the Indian Agent on the annual tour of the north country, distributing treaty payments.

For many years his closest friend was Thomas Kerr, who still resides at Sturgeon Lake. Mr. Macdonald never married and had no relatives in Canada.

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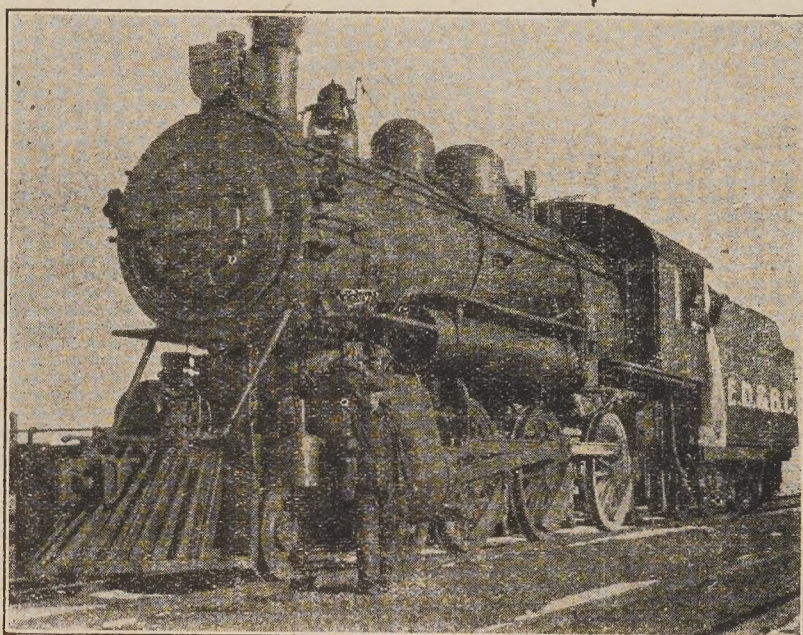
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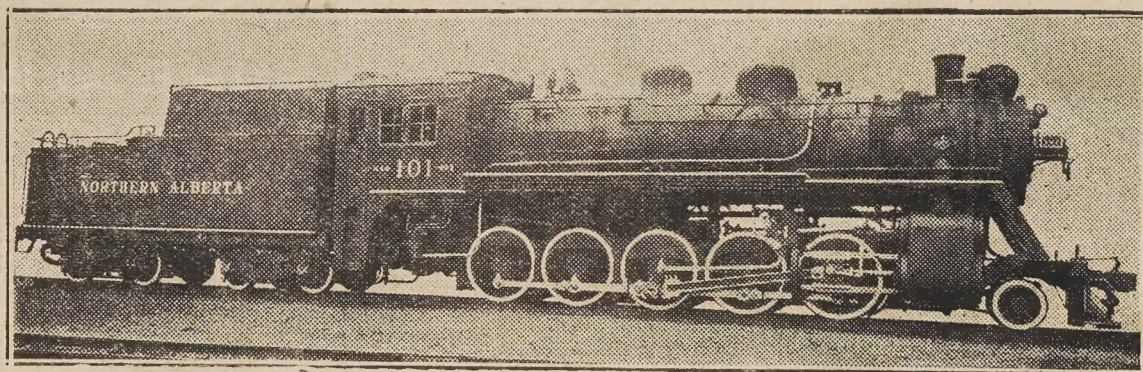
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